अंतर्राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य देखभाल संबंधी बाजार के लिए सर्वेक्षण

8172. श्री प्रतीत गोगी :
श्री मूलचन्द मीणा :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने अंतर्राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य देखभाल संबंधी बाजार के अधिकाधिक हिस्से पर अधिकार प्राप्त करने की संभावना का पता लगाने के लिए कोई सर्वेक्षण कराया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) स्वास्थ्य देखभाल संबंधी उद्योग के लिए कितनी वित्तीय सहायता दिए जाने का विचार किया गया है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० सी० सिल्वेरा) : (क) से (ग) भारत सरकार ने ऐसा कोई सर्वेक्षण नहीं किया है। वैसे, सरकार विनिर्दिष्ट स्वास्थ्य परिचर्या तृतीयक स्वास्थ्य परिचर्या सेवाओं के क्षेत्र में निजी क्षेत्र के निवेश को प्रोत्साहित कर रही है।

Setting up of branches of Red Cross in the country

8173. DR. B. B DUTTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no branches of the Indian Red Cross Society in Andaman and Nicobar, Arunachal Pradesh and Lakshadweep;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action has been taken during the last three years for setting up branches of Red Cross in various regions of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) The Indian Red Cross Society has a branch in Arunachal Pradesh. However, branches have not been constituted so far in Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep because the required number of members have not been enrolled in these Union Territories.

(c) The authorities concerned have been requested to enrol the required number of members.

New heart surgery technique

8174. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to certain reports that appeared in Delhi dailies on the 6th May, 1995 indicating that a radical new heart surgery has been performed at Sydney's St. Vincen's Hospital;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to study this technique of operation to explore the possibilities of providing the same in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. According to the information received it is an operation which has been performed in advanced cardiac centre for the last 10 years, although it still remains somewhat experimental. It involves wrapping the heart in a muscle called the latissimus dorsi muscle (the muscle on the left side of the chest between the ribs) and stimulating the muscle with a pacing device to make it assist the heart in its contractions. It is a treatment for patients with enlarged hearts and heart failure. It improves symptoms quite dramatically in most cases.

The operation takes 5-7 hours and it is quite a major procedure and it is no use leaving it untill the patient is very ill and around 80-90 per cent of the patients proceed without event through

the operation. The procedure is said to be free of some of the difficulties of cardiac transplantation in that one does not need a donor supply and the procedure is free of foreign organs and hence there is no rejection and no need for immunos uppressive drugs". This type of surgery is not entirely new and it is known as Dynamic Cardiomy-plasty. This techniques improves the functional class of the heart by 10 per cent to 20 per cent but does not provide full recovery. It is understood that this surgery is being performed at Escort Heart Institute and Research Centre, New Delhi.

Doctors in various Hospitals

8175. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of doctors in the Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan Hospital, Shrimati Sucheta Kripalani Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital, Guru Tegh Bahadur Hospital, Govind Ballabh Pant Hospital and Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi during the years 1993-94 and 1994-95, hospital-wise;

(b) what was the number of patients who visited these Hospitals during the said period, hospital-wise; and

(c) what was the number of beds for the patients in these hospitals during the said period, hospital wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) The information in respect of Central Government Hospitals i.e. Smt. Sucheta Kriplani Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital is attached at Annexure. The information in respect of Lok Nayak Jaiprakash Narain Hospital, Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital and Govind Ballabh Pant Hospital is being collected and will be laid on the table of Sabha.

High Levels of Nickel content in Chocolates

8176. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether various popular brands of chocolates in India normally meant for consumption by children were found containing high levels of nickel content;

(b) if so, what is the test assessment of different contents in different brands of chocolates like Cadbury and Amul; and

(c) what steps have been taken and are being taken to bring this product within permissible limits of nickel content?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) As per the studies carried out by the Expert Panel on 'Nickel contents in Indian Chocolates', the values of Nickel content in Indian chocolates are quite comparable to international reported values.

Supply of Inferior Quality of Surgical Gloves

8177. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether surgical gloves supplied to Government hospitals by Government undertakings are reported to be of inferior quality;

(b) whether in view of the cracks noticed in these gloves the surgeons are frustrated to use the gloves;

(c) whether HIV or AIDS patients are being neglected on this account; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) L.H.M.C. and Associated